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NAHMA Seeks Developers and Managers at the Forefront of Affordable Housing

Alexandria, Va., March 21, 2024 — Take a look at the National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA)'s 2024 Affordable Housing Vanguard Awards [application](#) before beginning the spring cleaning routine on your property. It will make it easier for you to know what needs to be done before sending in your entry. The deadline for nominating a property for one of the awards is June 7. The application can be downloaded from the Vanguard Award webpage: <https://www.nahma.org/awards-contests/vanguard-awards>.

The Vanguard Award recognizes new, quality multifamily affordable housing development. The award pays tribute to developers of high-quality, affordable housing; demonstrates that exceptional new affordable housing is available across the country; reflects the creativity and innovation that must be present to create superior properties given the financing and other development challenges; highlights results of private-public partnerships required to develop today's affordable housing, and shares ideas for unique design and financing mechanisms with industry practitioners to further stimulate creative development in the affordable multifamily industry.

“The Vanguard Award complements NAHMA’s Communities of Quality (COQ) National Recognition Program, through which multifamily properties are certified as having achieved a high standard of excellence in the way they are managed, the services they provide residents, the experience and training of personnel, and other criteria,” said Kris Cook, CAE, NAHMA CEO. “The Vanguard Award was created to honor communities that are too new to meet the qualifications for the COQ program. As the properties mature, they will become eligible—and will be encouraged—to enter NAHMA’s COQ National Recognition Program.”

The Vanguard Award categories are:

- New Construction, two subcategories: more than 100 units and under 100 units
- Major Rehabilitation of an Existing Rental Housing Community
- Major Rehabilitation of a Nonhousing Structure into Affordable Rental Housing
- Major Rehabilitation of a Historic Structure into Affordable Rental Housing

Affordable multifamily housing communities less than 3 years old—as of June 7, 2024—may apply based on the date of completing new construction or major rehab completion. Please note: A management company can submit one entry for each of the four categories; however, each entry must be a different property.

Applications and information about entry fees, judging criteria, the benefits of winning an award, and more are on NAHMA's website at nahma.org. Click on [Vanguard Award Overview](#).

The Affordable Housing Vanguard Awards winners will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the NAHMA fall meeting in Washington, D.C., in October 2024.

NAHMA is the leading voice for the affordable housing management industry, promoting developing, managing and preserving quality affordable multifamily housing. NAHMA advocates for legislative and regulatory policy and provides affordable housing professionals with the knowledge to advance excellence in the communities they serve. NAHMA's membership represents 75% of the affordable housing industry and includes its most distinguished multifamily owners and management companies. Visit www.nahma.org for more information.

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